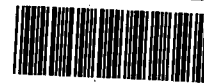


T.H. GLENNON COMPANY, INC.

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WATER BASED ADHESIVES AND COATINGS

May 17, 1995



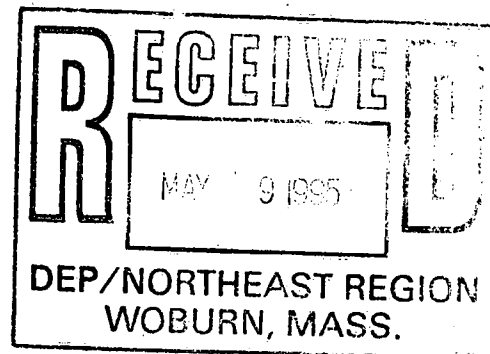
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection
10 Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
ATTN: Margaret Chen

Dear Ms. Chen:

Re: Middleton Adhesive Manufacturer
School Street
Release Track No: 3-0168



Pursuant to your request for information dated April 25, 1995, my response on behalf of T.H. Glennon Company is as follows:

(II) (1)

- (a) Richard J. Shea and C. Russell Davis D/B/A the Shea-Davis Realty Trust owned the site from November 2, 1970 to May 8, 1978. An adhesive manufacturing business was operated at the site during same time period.
- (b) Tom Sawyer Beverage, Inc. sold the site to Shea and Davis. The business operation (Glennon-American Inc.) commenced at this site. A copy of the deed from Tom Sawyer Beverage, Inc. is attached as Exhibit A hereto.
- (c) C. Russell Davis, Trustee of the American-Middlesex Realty Trust purchased ownership of the site on May 8, 1978. The operation of a similar type business, the American Glue Co. Inc., was continued at the site. A copy of the deed to C. Russell Davis, Trustee is attached as Exhibit B hereto.
- (d) The Glennon-American Inc. was a manufacturer of starches, dextrines and water-based latex adhesives. The formulated products were sold primarily into the Paper and Textile Industry to be used as coatings and adhesives.
- (e) The nature of the business operation was to purchase various chemical materials such as latex, dextrines, starches, fillers and other additives. The materials were then mixed according to a specific formula to meet each customer's requirements. The latex was normally purchased in tank trucks and stored inside the building in large storage tanks. The dextrines, starches and fillers were purchased in containers or truck loads and were stored inside the building on wooden pallets. The blending of the materials would take place in mixers or vats and the final product would be put in steel drums or multiwall paper bages for shipment to the customer.

- (f) The only hazardous material used in the operation of the business was Toluol, a solvent that was used in mixing some latex formulations. The primary purpose of this solvent additive was to increase the viscosity (thickness) of the final product. The usage of Toluol was approximately 500 gallons per month and the material was originally purchased in steel drums. Whereas a permit was necessary from the Fire Department for storage of Toluol drums and the possibility of fire was a concern, it was decided with the consent of the Fire Chief George Nash that a safer storage and handling method would be to install an underground tank. Whereas all Toluol used actually went into the products, there was no disposal necessary.

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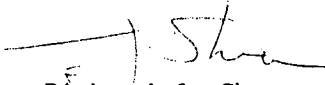
- (a) A tank was installed during the year 1973 or 1974.
- (b) I believe that the capacity of the tank was two thousand (2,000) gallons.
- (c) A diagram depicting the tank and two other tanks present on the property at the time I acquired an interest in the property is attached as Exhibit C hereto.
- (d) Toluol was stored in the tank which was installed during my ownership of the property.
- (e) Normal pressure tests were conducted on the Toluol tank before and after installation and also on the oil storage tank at the same time. The results were acceptable. No other tank maintenance or repairs were conducted.
- (f) I do not know. I do not know what transpired after C. Russell Davis purchased the property in May of 1978.
- (g) I do not know.
- (h) I do not know.
- (i) I do not know.
- (j) I do not know.

II (3)

I produce Exhibits A through C in response to this request.

Kindly contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Very truly yours,


Richard J. Shea

Enclosures